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Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly in accordance with its decision 46/414 of 6 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.

3. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 October 1992, the First Committee decided to hold a general debate on all disarmament and international security items allocated to it, namely, items 49 to 65, 68 and 142; and 67 and 69. The deliberations on those items took place between the 3rd and 21st meetings, from 12 to 28 October (see A/C.1/47/PV.3-21). Consideration of draft resolutions on those items took place between the 22nd and 30th meetings, from 29 October to 11 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.22-30). Action on draft resolutions on items 67 and 69 took place at the 37th meeting, on 20 November (see A/C.1/47/PV.37).

4. In connection with item 69, the First Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (A/47/505 and Add.1);

(b) Letter dated 24 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/56);

(c) Letter dated 26 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/57);

(d) Letter dated 24 December 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/58);

(e) Letter dated 27 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/60-S/23329);

(f) Letter dated 30 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/64);

(g) Letter dated 23 December 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/67);

(h) Letter dated 8 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/68-S/23398);

(i) Letter dated 9 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/70);

(j) Letter dated 13 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/71);

(k) Letter dated 17 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/72);

(l) Letter dated 21 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/73);

(m) Letter dated 22 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/74);

(n) Letter dated 20 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/75);

(o) Letter dated 3 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/81);

(p) Letter dated 30 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Colombo Declaration issued at the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 21 December 1991 (A/47/82-S/23512);

(q) Letter dated 6 February 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the texts of the documents adopted by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference, held at Dakar from 9 to 11 December 1991 (A/47/88-S/23563);

(r) Letter dated 11 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the concluding documents of the Second Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Prague on 30 and 31 January 1992 (A/47/89-S/23576);

(s) Letter dated 19 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/94);

(t) Letter dated 26 February 1992 from the the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/96-S/23645);

(u) Letter dated 19 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/97);

(v) Letter dated 24 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/98);

(w) Letter dated 24 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/99);

(x) Letter dated 26 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/110);

(y) Letter dated 13 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/122-S/23716);

(z) Letter dated 17 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/124-S/23726);

(aa) Letter dated 17 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/125-S/23727);

(bb) Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/126);

(cc) Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Portugal and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/127);

(dd) Letter dated 19 March 1992 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/128-S/23737);

(ee) Letter dated 24 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/133);

(ff) Letter dated 25 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/135);

(gg) Letter dated 26 March 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/136-S/23758);

(hh) Letter dated 30 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/138);

(ii) Letter dated 10 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/153-S/23804);

(jj) Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/156);

(kk) Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/157);

(ll) Letter dated 8 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/158);

(mm) Letter dated 15 April 1992 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/160-S/23814);

(nn) Letter dated 16 April 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/162-S/23816);

(oo) Letter dated 16 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/163);

(pp) Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/165-S/23823);

(qq) Letter dated 13 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/166);

(rr) Letter dated 13 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/167);

(ss) Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/170);

(tt) Letter dated 22 April 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/171-S/23832);

(uu) Letter dated 21 April 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Hungary and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/172);

(vv) Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/176);

(ww) Letter dated 20 April 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/177);

(xx) Letter dated 5 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/201-S/23876);

(yy) Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/205);

(zz) Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/206);

(aaa) Letter dated 7 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/208);

(bbb) Letter dated 10 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/211-S/23962 and Corr.1);

(ccc) Letter dated 12 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/213);

(ddd) Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/218);

(eee) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/221-S/23994);

(fff) Letter dated 21 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/223);

(ggg) Letter dated 20 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/224);

(hhh) Letter dated 25 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/226-S/24001);

(iii) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/227);

(jjj) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/228);

(kkk) Letter dated 27 May 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Lithuania and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/233);

(lll) Letter dated 27 May 1992 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/234-S/24028);

(mmm) Letter dated 26 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/239);

(nnn) Letter dated 2 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/254);

(ooo) Letter dated 5 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/258-S/24073);

(ppp) Letter dated 5 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/260);

(qqq) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of Poland and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/267);

(rrr) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/268);

(sss) Letter dated 11 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/269-S/24093);

(ttt) Letter dated 12 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/274);

(uuu) Note verbale dated 15 June 1992 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/275-S/24105);

(vvv) Letter dated 22 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/282);

(www) Letter dated 23 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/284-S/24182);

(xxx) Letter dated 26 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/286-S/24198);

(yyy) Letter dated 26 June 1992 from the representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/290-S/24204);

(zzz) Letter dated 29 June 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/292-S/24208);

(aaaa) Letter dated 29 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/295);

(bbbb) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/300);

(cccc) Letter dated 1 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/306-S/24224);

(dddd) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/311);

(eeee) Letter dated 9 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/318-S/24260);

(ffff) Letter dated 14 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/333);

(gggg) Letter dated 16 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/335-S/24306);

(hhhh) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/350-S/24356);

(iiii) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the Joint Communiqué of the Twenty-fifth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, issued at Manila on 22 July 1992 (A/47/351-S/24357);

(jjjj) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a declaration on the South China Sea issued by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at Manila on 22 July 1992 (A/47/357-S/24368);

(kkkk) Letter dated 29 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the "Helsinki Document 1992 - The Challenges of Change" agreed upon at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, held at Helsinki on 9 and 10 July 1992 (A/47/361-S/24370);

(llll) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/372-S/24420);

(mmmm) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/375-S/24429);

(nnnn) Letter dated 13 August 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/376-S/24441);

(oooo) Letter dated 14 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/380);

(pppp) Letter dated 13 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/382-S/24449);

(qqqq) Letter dated 17 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/392-S/24461);

(rrrr) Letter dated 4 September 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/421-S/24526);

(ssss) Letter dated 14 September 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/448-S/24565);

(tttt) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/497-S/24612);

(uuuu) Letter dated 6 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/47/516);

(vvvv) Letter dated 19 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/557-S/24681);

(wwww) Letter dated 20 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/561-S/24690 and Corr.1);

(xxxx) Letter dated 21 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/570-S/24698);

(yyyy) Letter dated 20 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/571-S/24702);

(zzzz) Letter dated 21 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/572-S/24704);

(aaaaa) Letter dated 24 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/577-S/24711 and Corr.1);

(bbbbb) Letter dated 23 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/579-S/24712);

(ccccc) Letter dated 27 October 1992 from the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/602-S/24727);

(ddddd) Letter dated 29 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/603-S/24733);

(eeeee) Letter dated 2 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/622-S/24754);

(fffff) Letter dated 4 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/633-S/24762);

(ggggg) Letter dated 4 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/634-S/24763);

(hhhhh) Letter dated 4 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/641-S/24778);

(iiiii) Letter dated 9 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/642-S/24780);

(jjjjj) Letter dated 6 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/643-S/24781);

(kkkkk) Letter dated 12 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/663-S/24801);

(lllll) Letter dated 11 November 1992 from the First Deputy Foreign Minister of Georgia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/664-S/24802);

(mmmmm) Letter dated 12 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/665-S/24803);

(nnnnn) Letter dated 16 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/671-S/24814);

(ooooo) Letter dated 26 November 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/732-S/24860);

(ppppp) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/47/3);

(qqqqq) Letter dated 15 October 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/47/6).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45 and Rev.1

5. On 12 November 1992, Algeria, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Viet Nam and Zambia submitted a draft resolution entitled "Review of the

implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security" (A/C.1/47/L.45).

6. On 17 November, Indonesia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1), which was introduced by its representative at the 37th meeting, on 20 November. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1 contained the following changes:

(a) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "over the persistence of conflicts", were revised to read "over the persistence of tensions and conflicts";

(b) The beginning of operative paragraph 4, which had read:

"4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force, intervention, interference, aggression, foreign occupation and domination or measures of",

was revised to read:

"4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force, aggression, intervention, interference, all forms of terrorism, suppression, foreign occupation and colonial or alien domination or measures of";

(c) The beginning of operative paragraph 5, which had read:

"5. Recognizes the validity of the concepts, among others, of confidence-building measures",

was revised to read:

"5. Recognizes, among other things, the validity of the concepts of confidence-building measures";

(d) The beginning of operative paragraph 6, which had read:

"6. Calls for regional dialogues to promote security, economic",

was revised to read:

"6. Calls for regional dialogues, where appropriate, to promote security and economic";

(e) In operative paragraph 8, the phrase "the responsibility of the United Nations", was revised to read "the fundamental role of the United Nations";

(f) Operative paragraph 11, which had read:

"11. Considers that respect for and promotion of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as the recognition of the inalienable rights of peoples to self-determination and independence will strengthen international peace and security",

was revised to read:

"11. Considers that respect for and promotion of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the recognition of the inalienable right of peoples to self-determination and independence, will strengthen international peace and security, and reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation and their inalienable right to self-determination and independence".

7. At the 37th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Indonesia orally revised draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1 as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 4, after the words "foreign occupation", the words "and colonial or alien domination" were deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 11, after the words "struggle of peoples under", the words "colonial or alien domination or" were deleted.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.45/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 88 to 1, with 40 abstentions (see para. 12, draft resolution A). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

B. Draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.47 and Rev.1

9. On 13 November, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America submitted a draft resolution entitled "Maintenance of International Security" (A/C.1/47/L.47), which was later also sponsored by Czechoslovakia and Turkey.

10. On 19 November, the sponsors submitted a revised draft resolution (A/C.1/47/L.47/Rev.1), which was later also sponsored by Albania, Croatia, Malta and Poland. The draft resolution was introduced by the representative of the Russian Federation at the 37th meeting, on 20 November, and contained the following changes:

(a) The first and second preambular paragraphs, which had read:

"Recalling its relevant resolutions, as well as the decision 46/414 of 6 December 1991,

"Recognizing that the 1970 Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (2734/XXV) reflected the realities of its time in the area of international security",

were deleted;

(b) The beginning of the original fifth preambular paragraph, now the third preambular paragraph, which had read:

"Noting with appreciation ideas and proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report entitled 'An Agenda for Peace', in particular those dealing with",

was revised to read:

"Noting with appreciation that the Secretary-General submitted ideas and proposals in his report entitled 'An Agenda for Peace', in particular dealing with";

(c) The beginning of operative paragraph 2, which had read:

"2. Invites all Member States to provide their views on further consideration of these questions, duly taking into account appropriate provisions",

was revised to read:

"2. Invites all Member States to provide their views on further consideration of the question of maintenance of international security, taking into account, inter alia, appropriate provisions".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/47/L.47/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 56 to none, with 67 abstentions (see para. 12, draft resolution B). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

12. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

A

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2734 (XXV) of 16 December 1970 on the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, as well as all its resolutions on the review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security,

Bearing in mind the final documents of the Tenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Jakarta from 1 to 6 September 1992, 1/

Expressing its firm belief that disarmament, the relaxation of international tension, respect for international law and for the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, especially the principles of the sovereign equality of States and the peaceful settlement of disputes and the injunction to refrain from the use or threat of use of force in international relations, respect for the right to self-determination and national independence, economic and social development, the eradication of all forms of domination and respect for basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the need for preserving the environment, are closely related and provide the basis for an enduring and stable universal peace and security,

Welcoming the recent positive changes in the international landscape, characterized by the end of the cold war, the relaxation of tensions on the global level and the emergence of a new spirit governing relations among nations,

Welcoming also the wide-ranging dialogue between the Russian Federation and the United States of America, with its positive effects on world developments, and expressing its hope that these developments will lead to the renunciation of strategic doctrines based on the use of nuclear weapons and to the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, thereby making a real contribution to global security,

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1/ A/47/675-S/24816, annex.

Expressing the hope that the positive trends that started in Europe, where a new system of security and cooperation is being built through the process of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, will continue and will encourage similar trends in other parts of the world,

Expressing at the same time its serious concern over the persistence of tensions and conflicts and the emergence of new threats to international peace and security and its support for all efforts towards a peaceful and just resolution of hotbeds of crisis in the world, including further military disengagement,

Stressing the need for the strengthening of international security through disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament leading up to the elimination of all nuclear weapons, and restraints on the qualitative and quantitative escalation of the arms race,

Stressing also the growing importance of the relationship between disarmament and development in current international relations,

Recognizing that peace and security are dependent on socio-economic factors as well as on political and military elements,

Also recognizing that the right and responsibility for making the world safe for all should be shared by all,

Stressing that the United Nations is the fundamental instrument for regulating international relations and resolving global problems for the maintenance and effective promotion of peace and security, disarmament and social and economic development,

1. Reaffirms the continuing validity of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and calls upon all States to contribute effectively to its implementation;

2. Reaffirms also that all States must respect, in their international relations, the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Emphasizes that, until an enduring and stable universal peace based on a comprehensive, viable and readily implementable structure of international security is established, peace, the achievement of disarmament and the settlement of disputes by peaceful means continue to be the first and foremost task of the international community;

4. Calls upon all States to refrain from the use or threat of use of force, aggression, intervention, interference, all forms of terrorism, suppression, foreign occupation or measures of political and economic coercion that violate the sovereignty, territorial integrity, independence and security of other States, as well as the permanent sovereignty of peoples over their natural resources;

5. Recognizes, among other things, the validity of the concepts of confidence-building measures, particularly in regions of high tension, balanced security at lower levels of armaments and armed forces, as well as the elimination of destabilizing military capabilities and imbalances;

6. Calls for regional dialogues, where appropriate, to promote security and economic, environmental, social and cultural cooperation, taking into account the particular characteristics of each region;

7. Stresses the importance of global and regional approaches to disarmament, which should be pursued simultaneously to promote regional and international peace and security;

8. Reaffirms the fundamental role of the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security, and expresses the hope that it will continue to address all threats to international peace and security in accordance with the Charter;

9. Urges all States to take further immediate steps aimed at promoting and using effectively the system of collective security as envisaged in the Charter, as well as halting effectively the arms race with the aim of achieving general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

10. Stresses the urgent need for more balanced development of the world economy and for redressing the current asymmetry and inequality in economic and technological development between the developed and developing countries, which are basic prerequisites for the strengthening of international peace and security;

11. Considers that respect for and promotion of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the recognition of the inalienable right of peoples to self-determination and independence, will strengthen international peace and security, and reaffirms the legitimacy of the struggle of peoples under foreign occupation and their inalienable right to self-determination and independence;

12. Reaffirms that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity, and stresses its belief that the United Nations offers the best framework for the promotion of this goal;

13. Invites Member States to submit their views on the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, particularly in the light of recent positive developments in the global political and security climate, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the basis of the replies received;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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Maintenance of international security

The General Assembly,

Noting that, with the end of the era of the cold war and of bipolar confrontation, the United Nations faces new tasks in the areas of maintaining international peace and security and achieving social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Aspiring to promote a greater convergence of views among Member States as to the priorities of the United Nations in shaping a more stable international order,

Noting with appreciation that the Secretary-General submitted ideas and proposals in his report entitled "An Agenda for Peace", 2/ in particular dealing with strengthening and enhancement of the effectiveness, within the framework and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, of the United Nations potential in the area of preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace-keeping and post-conflict peace-building,

Noting also the ideas and proposals of the Secretary-General contained in his report entitled "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", 3/

1. Decides to continue consideration of the question of maintenance of international security, taking into account new international realities and new tasks before the United Nations in the area of strengthening collective efforts to maintain international peace and security;

2. Invites all Member States to provide their views on further consideration of the question of maintenance of international security, taking into account, inter alia, appropriate provisions of the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace" and "New dimensions of arms regulation and disarmament in the post-cold war era", and requests the Secretary-General to submit a relevant report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session an item entitled "Maintenance of international security".

2/ A/47/277-S/24111.

3/ A/C.1/47/7.